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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8: FUND BALANCE RESERVES AND DESIGNATIONS

Reserved Fund Balance. The State's reserved fund balances represent those portions of the fund balances that are either (a) externally restricted for a specific use, (b) not available for appropriation or expenditure because the underlying asset is not an available financial resource for current appropriation or expenditure, or (c) for encumbrances, which represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for services and undelivered goods. There are no reserved fund balances in the Highway Trust Fund. The reserved fund balances at June 30, 2002, are (dollars in thousands):

	Governmental Funds							
						Other		Total
			Highway		Governmental		Governmental	
	General		Fund		Funds		Funds	
Specific encumbrances	\$	27,673	\$	4,847	\$		\$	32,520
Inventories		43,772		3,547		27,333		74,652
Investments		148		_		_		148
Wildlife endowment		_		_		49,306		49,306
Notes Receivable		2,952		_		519,732		522,684
Vacation, sick leave		_		41,757		_		41,757
Retirees' health premiums		70,797		_		_		70,797
Prepaid items		_		_		57		57
Continuing programs		54,360		_		_		54,360
Capital projects		_		_		50,115		50,115
Advance to component unit		22,081		_		_		22,081
Loan and grant commitments		_		1,900		339,298		341,198
Other purposes		5,984		1,509		59,638		67,131
Total reserved fund balance	\$	227,767	\$	53,560	\$	1,045,479	\$	1,326,806

Unreserved Designated Fund Balance. The State's unreserved fund balance designations in the General Fund represent tentative plans for use in a future period. The State's internal governing body (*General Assembly*) establishes restrictions on the use of these assets which are reported as fund balance designations. Fund balance designations in the General Fund are established based on the amount of reserves available as measured on the budgetary basis of accounting and authorized carryforwards for continuing General Fund programs. These designations totaled \$546.283 million at June 30, 2002. As shown in the table below, the fund balance available to be designated was a negative \$576.318 million on a modified accrual basis at June 30, 2002 (dollars in thousands):

Unreserved Designated Fund Balance	General Fund			
Higher education	\$	55,059		
Agriculture		371		
Disaster relief		317,235		
Primary and secondary education		37,553		
Economic development programs		4,607		
General government programs		28,018		
Health and human services programs		79,743		
Public safety, corrections,				
and regulation programs		23,201		
Environment and natural resources		496		
Total designations	\$	546,283		
Unreserved fund balance	\$	(576,318)		